

## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**April 02, 2013**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Mayor Gatsas** called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Craig, Ludwig, Long, Roy, Osborne, Corriveau, O'Neil,  
Levasseur, Shea, Shaw, Greazzo, Gamache, Arnold

Absent: Alderman Katsiantonis

### **CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 3-21)**

**Mayor Gatsas** advised if you desire to remove any of the following items from the Consent Agenda, please so indicate. If none of the items are to be removed, one motion only will be taken at the conclusion of the presentation.

### **Accept BMA Minutes**

4. [Accept minutes from the January 7, 2013 Special BMA; January 15, 2013, February 5, 2013 and February 19, 2013 Public Participation; and February 19, 2013 and March 5, 2013 BMA.](#)

### **Approve under supervision of the Department of Highways**

5. [Pole Petitions:](#)  
[11-1412 \(3\) Webster Street](#)  
[11-1413 \(1\) High Ridge Road](#)

## **Information to be Received and Filed**

7. [Communication from Comcast regarding grandfathered cable packages.](#)
8. [Communication from Comcast regarding price adjustment information.](#)

## **REFERRALS TO COMMITTEES**

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

9. [Resolutions:](#)

[“Amending the FY 2013 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars \(\\$250,000\) for the FY 2013 CIP 810813 ERP Project.”](#)

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) from Contingency to FY 2013 CIP Project 411713 – Domestic Violence Prosecutor.”

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## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS, ENROLLMENT & REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**

10. [Advising that it has accepted the following Finance Department reports:](#)
  - Accounts Receivable over 90 days
  - Aging Report
  - Outstanding Receivables

*(Unanimous vote with the exception of Alderman O’Neil who was absent)*
11. [Advising that it has accepted the City’s Monthly Financial Reports \(unaudited\) for the first eight months of fiscal year 2013.](#)

*(Unanimous vote)*

12. [Recommending that the communication from David Gosselin, School District Athletic Director, requesting authorization to utilize the gate receipts in the athletic budget to be used for uniforms, supplies and equipment be referred to the Special Joint Committee on Education.](#)  
(Unanimous vote)
13. [Recommending that City staff continue discussions with Pochito's on a settlement agreement.](#)  
(Unanimous vote)
14. [Recommending that the City approve the loan extensions for Mary's Closet, Aviation Technology, and OLK-12.](#)  
(Unanimous vote)
15. [Recommending that the new due dates for the borrowers in the City's Revolving Loan fund be approved.](#)  
(Unanimous vote)

#### **COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

16. [Advising that the banner application submitted by Families in Transition for Elm and Kelley Streets, for a two-week period from April 18, 2013 through May 2, 2013, has been approved.](#)  
(Unanimous vote)
17. [Recommending that the \\$300.00 Fair Permit/License fee be waived for the NH Fisher Cats and Clear Channel Radio "Skyshow" event to be held on May 26, 2013.](#)  
(Unanimous vote with the exception of Aldermen Greazzo and Levasseur who voted in opposition)

**18.     [Recommending that Ordinance Amendment submitted by the Police Department:](#)**

“Amending Section 70.40 Towing of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Manchester by increasing the fees associated with vehicles towed without the consent or authorization of the owner/operator of the vehicle.”

be approved and referred to the Committee on Bills on Second Reading for technical review.

**20.     [Recommending that the communication from Normand Lavigne regarding the Cruising Downtown Car Show event has been accepted.](#)**

*(Unanimous vote)*

**21.     [Advising that the denial of consideration of Dan’s City Auto Body & Towing as a towing contractor with the City be upheld.](#)**

*(Unanimous vote)*

*HAVING READ THE CONSENT AGENDA, ON MOTION OF **ALDERMAN O’NEIL**, DULY SECONDED BY **ALDERMAN SHEA**, IT WAS VOTED THAT THE CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED.*

- 6.**       Communication from Denis Dancoes, Intown Manchester Board of Trustees Chairman, informing the board of Stephanie Lewry's retirement from Intown Manchester.

**Alderman Long** stated I have been working on a plan for getting the Manchester Economnic Development Office and within that plan I spoke with a few people on the Intown board. It would be an opporunity to possibly reorganize Intown and maybe have a flavor in this economic development office. If anyone is interested, you can give me a call and we can work together in formalizing this final plan.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Ludwig**, it was voted to receive and file this item.*

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION/INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

- 19.** Recommending that the communication from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the plaque given to the City by the Manchester, UK delegation be referred to the City Clerk.  
*(Unanimous vote)*

*On motion of **Alderman O'Neil**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted that the report of committee be accepted and its recommendations adopted.*

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- 22.** Nomination(s) to be presented by Mayor Gatsas, if available.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated pursuant to section 3.14 (b) of the City Charter, please find below the following nominations:

Marcel Mercier to succeed himself as a member of the Airport Authority term to expire March 1, 2016.

Raymond Wieczorek to succeed Richard Danais as a member of the Airport Authority term to expire March 1, 2016.

Tim DiVenuti to succeed himself as a member of the Fire Commission term to expire May 1, 2016.

Michelle Lauder as a member of the Manchester Transit Authority Board term to expire May 1, 2018.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated these nominations will layover until the next meeting of the board pursuant to Rule 20 of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated I would move to suspend the rules. Two of them are just being reupped to committees they already sit on. Number two is Ray Wieczorek, the former mayor of Manchester. What does he need to layover two weeks for? We suspended the rules two weeks ago. This is a pretty easy one. They are already sitting on these. If I can't get a second I can't get a second.

***Alderman Levasseur** moved to suspend Rule 20 to confirm the nominations. The motion was duly seconded by **Alderman Long**.*

**Alderman Roy** stated I went into my little spin last week and I'm going to start spinning again here in a minute. This is ridiculous. This is a rule that we put in place at the beginning of this term and we all said we are not going to make any exceptions and now we are playing ping pong back and forth. This is wrong. We are going to set a rule down, we are going to go with policies so let's go with policies. Otherwise, we will just have a free for all.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated if I may respond, Your Honor. This was not a rule that I ever voted on. I went against the rule last week or two weeks ago for Alderman Corriveau and then I said that the only time I would make an exception to the rule was for people who were actually succeeding themselves. There is no reason for that to lay over for two weeks. I just don't think there should be an issue with a former mayor who is going to be put onto the Airport authority. That is the only time I will make the motion to suspend, gentlemen.

**Alderman Roy** stated in response to that, you were on this board when we voted on this. It was this term.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated I voted against it.

**Alderman Roy** stated you were on this board and it was a person who was succeeding himself, the exact same thing you are talking about here. It was about political retribution. The guy was succeeding himself we said we are going to do this by the rules from now on. You did vote on it.

**Alderman O'Neil** stated I will not support the motion. I did support the issue with the School Board member and after reading what went on, I'm glad I did and someone was in that seat for the discussions that went on regarding the superintendent. That was a one time situation for me and I will not support a motion to suspend. We agreed that we are going to lay them over and that is what we should do.

**Alderman Long** stated with respect to Mr. Wieczorek, he has exemplary service to the City and to the State. Mr. Mercier and Mr. DiVenuti just happen to be flanked by Mr. Wieczorek so I agree that Alderman Levasseur that Mr. Wieczorek should not have to wait for two weeks. I feel this is an extenuating circumstance and I am going to support the motion.

***Alderman O'Neil*** called for a roll call vote on the motion to suspend the rules.

*Alderman O'Neil, Shea, Greazzo, Gamache, Arnold and Roy voted nay. Aldermen Levasseur, Shaw, Craig, Ludwig, Long and Osborne voted yea. Alderman Corriveau abstained. Alderman Katsiantonis was absent. The motion failed.*

**Alderman Arnold** stated John Triscini who is a MTA commissioner will be retiring at the end of his term, which is the end of this month. At the recommendation of the MTA director, Mike Whitten, the clerk is handing out a resume for an individual, Michelle Lauder, who happens to be a Ward 12 resident. She is a financial advisory with Wells Fargo. It is my understanding based on discussions with the MTA director who has relayed comments and discussions he has had with the chairman of the MTA that this individual has the experience and professional background that they are looking for in filling the vacancy. With that, I'm happy to move the nomination. I'm not asking for the rules to be suspended. I'm happy to move on the nomination. I'm sure the individual is happy to answer any questions. Her contact information is listed on the resume. I'm sure the MTA director is happy to answer any questions should there be any as well.

**Alderman Craig** asked if there are still open positions on boards could we get an updated list sent to us?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied we will get you an updated list tomorrow morning. Mike Whitten, you have a new assistant executive director, Ryan Smith, at the MTA.

**23.**     [Legislative Update, if available.](#)

**Mayor Gatsas** stated there is not a legislative update. I think next week there is a department head meeting along with a legislative meeting. Is that right, Alderman Long? It is either next week or the week after. It is a legislative update and also an update with department heads. It is right after crossover.



**24.**     [Report\(s\) of the Committee on Community Improvement, if available.](#)

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that grant funds in the amount of \$47,896 from NH Department of Health and Human Services for school-based oral health services be accepted.

*(Unanimous vote)*

*On motion of **Alderman Roy**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendations.*

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the request for acceptance of \$35,000 from the NH Department of Justice for CIP project 411713 Domestic Violence Prosecutor be approved.

*(Unanimous vote)*

**Alderman O'Neil** asked this isn't new funds? This is the money that was supposed to come from the county through the grants.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated that we agreed we would take it at the end of the year and move it in.

**Mr. Thomas Arnold**, Deputy City Solicitor, stated Your Honor, this is grant money coming from the state. It is not a transfer from the county. The county used to have this position, but it is from the Department of Justice to the City.

**Alderman O'Neil** asked this is new money or this is money that we budgeted with a budget match in contingency?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied this money we were expecting from the state.

**Alderman O'Neil** asked it is not a new grant?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied no, it is not a new grant.

**Alderman Arnold** stated to ask it another way, does acceptance of this grant free up monies in that department?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied no, it doesn't free up monies. It allows us to do what we had planned to do at the beginning of the budget process because we put that position in. It is just covering the position.

**Alderman Roy** stated it makes the position whole.

*On motion of **Alderman Roy**, duly seconded by **Alderman O'Neil**, it was voted to accept the report and adopt its recommendations.*

The Committee on Community Improvement respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that the lease agreement between the City and the Organization for Refugee Immigrant Success for property located at 434 Lake Avenue be approved.  
(Unanimous vote)

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted to discuss this item.*

**Alderman Levasseur** stated my understanding is that they are bringing 250 more immigrants. Is this the same thing as what we are dealign with, as far as what we tried to get the State of New Hampshire to stop the immigrations from coming in here? Maybe

the title is different than what the purpose is, but we are basically saying we don't want anymore, but we are going to rent out, in one of our government buildings, an organization for refugee and immigrant success. The messages are competing. We don't want anymore, but we are giving them a rental. Can someone explain that to me?

**Mayor Gatsas** stated I don't think it is a different message. The Odd Fellows Building, when we first started that project, it was about how we get refugees in the building or organizations that can utilize the building when we are there. That was the extent of the Odd Fellows Building when we first started it. It has an upstairs so they can have classes for education. We can get the folks who are in the City educated, get them jobs and move them forward. Again, I'm going to have a discussion about the refugee update as you can see in here because the agreement that I understood and Alderman Long understood was that it was 200 for the area with 13 resettlement communities that are available. It was not 200 for Manchester and another 50 on top of that for Nashua. They were supposed to take the 50 out of the allocation of the 200 and those were supposed to go to Nashua. I can tell you that I have calls into the State Department because we were having the International Institute wait for an awful long time to give us an answer about what they were going to do because they told us they would resettle folks in Nashua. It is not a mixed message. It just gets them into a piece of property where they are leasing now. They receive funds from us, I believe, through CIP so it puts them into a building that reduces their costs from where they are.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked does the money come...

**Alderman Roy** interjected if I may, Your Honor. It is a different group. It is not the same group that is bringing them here. There is a group that is formed of immigrants who are here who try to help other immigrants integrate into our society. It is a totally different group.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated we are trying to ask the federal government to stop us being a refugee destination center, yet at the same time, we are putting in a City owned building a group that handles when they come here. It is a competing message.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated I hear what you are saying and the clarity on that is that these are refugees who are already here. We aren't supporting new refugees coming into the City. These folks have already been here. They could have been here for the last ten years. They have been renting space. We give them money through CIP. We are trying to get them into a building that is more affordable that gives them the space to bring folks in, teach them English, try to help them get jobs. MCRC is downstairs to help them out. It is not about can you send us more because the message, and I agree with you, but the message that we understood from the federal government was 200 and of that 200, a portion of them would go to some other communities. They have changed that message. They are sending us 200 and 50 to Nashua so it is 250 and that is nothing that we agreed upon.

**Alderman O'Neil** asked could I ask Mr. LaFreniere to come up? I agree and I am not discouraging Alderman Levasseur from having his discussion. I think you got a report a little later than our packet and that may be the appropriate time. Leon, the name of this organization sounds new. Give me a little history on the organization.

**Mr. Leon LaFreniere**, Director of Planning and Community Development, responded this organization, which is known as ORIS, has been working within the City for the last three years or so. They have been one of our partners from the beginning in terms of an agency that we anticipated may take occupancy of the building. They have been working out of Maple Street which is another City building. They have been subletting that space from Southern New Hampshire Service. They are separating from Southern New Hampshire Services and will be working here on their own.

**Alderman O'Neil** stated the mayor mentioned that they were in the CIP. I'm trying to look for it quickly.

**Mr. LaFreniere** stated this particular organization has not received an allocation in the past. They have requested one this year. They were not funded because of our funding limitations. We anticipated that we would be able to help support their efforts by providing the lease space verse providing a cash grant. Rather than put them in the budget to provide them with additional subsidy for their operating expenses, we would assist them through providing them with the subsidized rental space.

**Alderman O'Neil** asked how are we paying for it then?

**Alderman Roy** replied we are not.

**Alderman O'Neil** asked giving the space away?

**Mr. LaFreniere** stated we are renting them space at an affordable rate.

**Alderman Roy** stated it is cheaper than what they are paying now.

**Alderman O'Neil** asked we are not subsidizing them for them to pay that rent?

**Mr. LaFreniere** stated we are not subsidizing them with any type of a grant, no. Clearly, we are not charging market rates for the building.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated and what they are paying for rent, Alderman O'Neil, takes care of the operating costs.

**Alderman O'Neil** stated not to tie this up tonight, I support this, but Leon, could you get us a one or two page on the organization? I'm not familiar with the organization and they have been under the umbrella of Southern New Hampshire Services. I was not aware of that. If you could get us something on that it would be appreciated.

**Mr. LaFreniere** stated absolutely.

**Alderman Shea** stated I happened to visit where they are now in existence on Maple Street. It used to be the old fire station years ago and it is a cramped quarters. The lady showed me around. It is a very nice situation. They help out a lot of people. They speak multiple languages and they try to help out. I think it is very important that we get them into a larger facility and I think it makes a lot of sense for them and for us.

**Alderman Long** stated this organization is the principles who were once the Somali Development, which was under the Southern New Hampshire Services. It isn't anymore. It is a new organization. With in the City of Manchester, it takes five years for a refugee to apply for naturalization papers so there are 1,500 or 1,800 people out there who are in this five year cycle that this organization helps to integrate into our community. It is to the citizens of Manchester's best practice to ensure that these new arrivals within these five years are being cared for. The Institute of New Hampshire that brings them in, it is a three to six month period. This organization picks up after that to ensure that they are expediting naturalization, English learning, job finding. This organization is separate from the Institute of New Hampshire and also they do a service to Manchester by following up on these new arrivals within that five year process.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated this is signed today. It is actually commencing on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This lease commences today and we are getting a 14 page document that we have to vote on without reading. I'm a little bit worried about their capitalization. You said that we give them money out of CIP.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated I said that but I was incorrect. They applied for CIP funding this year; we didn't give them any because there was a shortfall in the funding that came from the federal government.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated this is also an organization that was part of SNHU and those are the people who I know you went to battle pretty hard for because they are the ones who have a director here who gets paid through some funding over here.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated no, that was the International Institute. It is much different.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked not the same organization out of Southern New Hampshire?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied no, not the same.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated they are paying a \$500 security on \$1,100 a month rent. I'm a little bit worried about their capitalization. In normal businesses we charge them one month's rent for their security deposit. Who is funding them and where are they getting the rent?

**Mr. LaFreniere** replied ORIS received a fairly substantial grant two years ago and another one a year ago. They have a three year grant that they are working with right now that I think they are in the first year. They do have a revenue stream that we believe this can support the rent as well as their operating costs for this facility.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked this is a two-year lease and they have a three-year grant that they have started or two years left on the grant?

**Mr. LaFreniere** replied they are almost a year into a three-year grant.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated as far as their tenancy, and the place that Alderman Shea said, there have been no issues? Has anyone checked?

**Mr. LaFreniere** relied only insofar as the space is not conducive to their needs because they are too cramped to be able to provide what they are trying to accomplish with their programming.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked were they paying rent?

**Mr. LaFreniere** replied they were paying rent, yes.

*On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted that the report of committee be accepted and its recommendations adopted. The motion carried with Alderman Levasseur voting in opposition.*

*On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted to recess the meeting to allow the Committee on Finance to meet.*

**Mayor Gatsas** called the meeting back to order.



27. [Report\(s\) of the Committee on Finance, if available.](#)

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommends, after due and careful consideration, that Resolutions:

“Amending the FY 2013 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the FY 2013 CIP 810813 ERP Project.”

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ought to pass and be enrolled.  
(*Unanimous vote*)

*On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Long, it was voted that the report of committee be accepted and its recommendations adopted.*

28. [Report\(s\) of the Committee on Human Resources/Insurance, if available.](#)

There were no reports.

29. [Report\(s\) of the Committee on Public Safety, Health and Traffic, if available.](#)

There were no reports.

**30.     [Resolutions:](#)**

*On motion of **Alderman Roy**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to waive readings by titles only.*

“Amending the FY 2013 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the FY 2013 CIP 810813 ERP Project.”

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*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass and be enrolled.*

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted to enter into non-public session for the consideration of acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property, which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party whose interests are adverse to those of the general community pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 II(d).*

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Roy**, it was voted to recess the meeting to discuss strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A:2 I(a).*

**Mayor Gatsas** called the meeting back to order.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor Gatsas** stated the you can see in your packet the refugee update to date, we have had 53 adults and 33 children up to 86 since October 1<sup>st</sup>. I guess I would bring it to this board whether we communicate that our understanding was that it was 200 for the resettlement communities and a portion of that 200 was supposed to go to some of the other communities. Alderman Long, I will let you speak to it and if you want to make a motion I certainly would listen.

**Alderman Long** stated in our conversation with the Institute of New Hampshire and Lutheran Social Services they had been approved for 200 from the Department of State. In that conversation we asked if they could resettle some of these new arrivals within a 50 mile radius. They have that option to do that and we had asked them to do that. We found out probably a couple weeks ago that they had applied with the State Department for an additional 50 to go to Nashua. That was not the relief that we were seeking with the 200. Instead of 200 they are getting 250, which wasn't what we had agreed to in our conversations.

**Mayor Gatsas** asked do you want to make a motion that we send a letter to them and ask them to readjust the 200 to 150 as we assumed because of the resettlement? I don't have the problem with that.

**Alderman Long** replied the only this is that last year they also had 200. They were allowed to bring 200 and there were 115 that they brought. These numbers look consistent with 200. I don't know if they are going to meet their 200. Maybe we could have another meeting with them and inquire to see whether that is expected.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated okay, let's do that.

***Alderman Long** moved that a meeting with the Institute of New Hampshire be set up to discuss the ability to meet the number of 200 refugees. The motion was duly seconded by Alderman Osborne.*

**Alderman Levasseur** asked do we have any statistics as far as what our employment rate is and what our vacancy rate is in the City?

**Mayor Gatsas** responded you have to be careful with what you asked for with those two items based on the refugees because the refugee unemployment rate could be much different than what the rate is in the City.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked do we have any idea what the cost... Do we know how many children are going to be coming along in this next round and what the impact on the schools would be?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied we don't know who is coming until I get a call from Tim Soucy to tell me that they are processing through whatever amount.

**Alderman Greazzo** asked Your Honor, is there any representation from the State Department during these discussions with the Institute?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied my believe is, because of sequestration, I'm sure the institute must have seen that they were losing funds so they applied not to take 50 from our allotment of 200, but to see if they could get some more in because of the funding. That is why we were put off for two months from anybody talking to us about what they were going to do. Now that they have the additional 50, I just got a call yesterday from the Institute so

we will set up a meeting and tell them that our belief was, and I think Alderman Long was sitting there when we both heard it.

**Alderman Greazzo** asked have you had any discussions with the State Department regarding this matter?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied no. I have a call into Larry Brown who is the gentleman who came here a year ago. I don't think that anyone who takes a job at a candy factory for two weeks because it is when they are doing a run on candy that that is employment.

**Alderman Greazzo** asked would it be appropriate for the board to request someone from the State Department to come meet with us regarding this?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied we can ask. If they come is a different story.

**Alderman Long** stated if you need an amendment on the motion that we request the representative from the State Department also be present we can.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked do we know what the number was that was brought in under this round nationwide and what percentage of that number comes to us?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied it is about 50,000 or 60,000 that is brought into the nation.

***Alderman Greazzo** moved to add a friendly amendment to Alderman Long's motion that the State Department be invited to become involved in these discussions. The amendment was duly seconded by **Alderman Long**.*

*Mayor Gatsas called for a vote on the motion and the amendment that a meeting with the Institute of New Hampshire be set up to discuss the ability to meet the number of 200 refugees and that the State Department be invited to become involved in these discussions. The motion carried with Alderman Levasseur voting in opposition.*

**Mayor Gatsas** stated Manchester Development Corporation, Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. at Public Service is having their annual meeting. You all have a copy of it so I would encourage people to go.

**Alderman Shea** stated I'm not sure if this is new business, but are we actually scheduled to have the department heads come in at certain times? Could you review the dates so we are all clear on that?

**Alderman O'Neil** replied the clerk was working with the availability of the aldermen and the mayor along with the departments that wanted to come in for April 9<sup>th</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>. Heather, I don't know if you have a final list yet that we can get out to everyone so they will know times to be here. All aldermen were asked what departments you want to bring in. I don't know how many responded to the clerk on that. Then departments were also contacted by the clerk on if they want to come to meet with the board.

**Alderman Shea** asked will we get a notice next Friday concerning that through the courier?

**Mayor Gatsas** replied yes.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated there is a story in the *Union Leader* that all the taxicabs in the city have lost their ability to do business. I think there were 18 of them. Could the chief give us an update on what that is about and if there is any more news since that occurred and how that did occur if the chief could be so kind. Are those all the cabs in the city?

**Mr. David Mara**, Chief of Police, replied it is my understanding that the vast majority... there was one that was not inspected. It was out of town getting repairs. The inspections were conducted in conjunction with the state police. They go through it and do an inspection of the vehicles. There were some real serious violations as well as some that were just minor repairs. What will happen is, once they have taken the steps and proven that they have taken those steps they will go to the City Clerk's Office and they will be able to get their medallions back. One company voluntarily surrendered theirs and will be getting them back once they do the repairs. In my estimation, it should not take them too long to get their cabs back on the street because some of the repairs are not that serious.

**Alderman Levasseur** asked what is the process? Is it the City that has the authority? Is it a surprise inspection or is it an annual inspection that they know about?

**Mr. Mara** replied under this circumstance I'm not sure how it was arranged. I was informed that we were going to be having the inspections. It is something that we do every year for the most part. It is necessary for us to do that because we have passengers, people who are using those cabs and we have to keep track of them. We have to make sure that they are safe.

**Alderman Levasseur** stated I just wanted to pass out a letter that the School Board received, but I got a copy of, from one of the finalists of the superintendent search named Mr. Cotter. I went to the meeting last week and I was very impressed with him. Because no one got selected he did write a letter and I thought the board should see it. I think we missed out on a very good person for the superintendent's job. I want to commend this board because we were very aggressive. We basically requested that the School Board get on top of this as quickly as possible and try to get someone hired before Dr. Brennan's term expired so that the person who we hired would be able to work in conjunction with Dr. Brennan and get to know and understand what was going on. I would just like to commend the board that we were aggressive in trying to do what we saw as an issue to get someone in as quickly as we could. I'm disappointed that the School Board did not... They picked 87 people, they got it down to three, one leaves so then there is two. I saw the interview, I saw the questions that were given by the community and I thought both of them handled themselves well, but I thought that Mr. Cotter was the superior candidate and I'm going to pass out the letter so you can read it. I don't know where the process goes from here, but I think we missed a great opportunity in Mr. Cotter and I'm very disappointed in the School Board that they came down to three finalists, they had to have made a vote in committee to come down to the three finalists and then could not come up with a person. I would respectfully request that they reconsider their vote and bring Mr. Cotter back if he would be willing to take the job. I don't have that authority. I'm not going to make a motion, but I just want to express my concerns going forward for this next school year because it is obvious that we are in a very serious transition period. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you, Mayor.

**Alderman Craig** stated two things. One, I actually, regarding the School Board, was impressed with the fact that they didn't select one of the candidates. To me, that was the most difficult decision of all and I was impressed that they had the courage to do that if they did not feel that one of the candidates could gain consensus. The reason why I



raised my hand was because I would like to talk a little bit about pension costs and how significant they are in our City budget. I believe, mayor, that you put together a committee to address retirement costs within the City and I was wondering if that committee could come forward or a representative of that committee could come forward and talk to us about any recommendations that they have on ways that we can address this going forward.

**Mayor Gatsas** stated I think they will be completing their work soon. It has taken them a little longer because of the actuaries. It is not like they have a lot of funding so it has been a prolonged protracted ordeal for them to get the information. My understanding is that in four or five weeks they should be done their report. They will be before us to talk about it.

### **TABLED ITEMS**

32. [Petition to release and discharge a portion of Hayward North Back Street.](#)  
(Note: Tabled 4/03/2012; *communication from Kevin Sheppard is attached*)

*On motion of **Alderman Shea**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to remove this item from the table.*

***Alderman Shea** moved to approve this item. The motion was duly seconded by **Alderman Levasseur**. The motion carried with **Alderman Greazzo** voting in opposition.*

33. [Budget Resolutions: \(A motion is in order to read by titles only.\)](#)

[“Continuation of the Central Business Service District.”](#)

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to utilize surplus funds from the Fiscal Year 2013 budget to fund a prepayment of \$750,000 for Fiscal Year 2014 City pension costs.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to transfer \$130,431 from the Special Revenue Reserve Account to the Parking Division in Fiscal Year 2013 to reimburse the Parking Division for Fiscal Year 2014 debt service associated with the Hampshire Plaza parking garage.”

**A motion is in order that the resolutions ought to pass and be enrolled.**  
*(Tabled 3/19/2013)*

This item remained on the table.

**34. Appropriating Resolutions: (A motion is in order to read by titles only.)**

“Appropriating to the Parking Fund the sum of \$5,000,000 from parking revenues for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

"Appropriating the sum of \$13,229,048 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Appropriating the sum of \$2,130,115 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$1,080,536 for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$155,724,449 for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in the Fiscal Year 2014 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year under the Financing Agreement.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$47,887,649 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services Program the sum of \$5,796,000 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations of \$134,970,938 for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

“Appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$258,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for the Fiscal Year 2014.”

**A motion is in order that the resolutions ought to pass and be enrolled.**  
*(Tabled 3/19/2013)*

This item remained on the table.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Ludwig, duly seconded by Alderman O’Neil, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Freeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Heather" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Freeman".

Assistant City Clerk